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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The regular Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Jeff Smith, Modesto Christian Church in Modesto, Illinois. Pastor.

PASTOR JEFF SMITH:

(Prayer by Pastor Jeff Smith)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney, to lead, sir.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal. Thank you.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of April 9th, 2008.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

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Senate Resolution 643, offered by Senator Forby and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 644, offered by Senator Emil Jones and all Members.

They're both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

And Senate Resolution 645, offered by Senator Koehler.

And Senate Joint Resolution 93, offered by Senator Pankau. They're both substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Messages, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

I have a Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment  
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Offered by Senator Trotter, and passed the House, April 8th, 2008. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

I have another Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask

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the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 4466.

Passed the House, April 8th, 2008. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

I have another Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 3653.

We've received like Messages on House Bills 4132, 4157, 4175, 4176, 4203, 4206, 4223, 4252 4303, 4352, 4369, 4605, 4611, 4613, 4692, 4700, 4714, 4745, 4766, 4788, 4869, 5006, 5082, 5093, 5142, 5240, 5251, 5323, 5350, 5536, 5579, 5607, 5650, 5653, 5732, 5907, 5981 and 6302.

All passed the House, April 9th, 2007 -- I'm sorry, 2008. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

I also have an Executive Order, 2008 -- I'm sorry, 2008-1 - Executive Order to Consolidate Certain Application -- Application Development, Human Resources, Personnel, Payroll, Timekeeping, Procurement, and Financial Processes.

From Governor Rod R. Blagojevich.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 3031, offered by Senator Risinger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

House Bill 1890.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Offered by Senator Hendon.

House Bill 3653, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4160, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4225, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4303, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4369, offered by Senator Frerichs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4451, offered by Senator Meeks.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4506, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4549, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4611, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4622, offered by Senator Meeks.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4700, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4723, offered by Senator Frerichs.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4466, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4788, offered by Senator Steans.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4839, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4843, offered by Senator Frerichs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4869, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5095, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5150, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5215, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5230, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5251, offered by Senator Delgado.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5285, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5607, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5907, offered by Senator Righter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5981, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 6302, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Readings of the bill {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Steans. Senator Steans, for what purpose you seek recognition, ma'am?

SENATOR STEANS:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Steans, please state your point, ma'am.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thanks. Just -- I have with me here today my three kids, who have been visiting, Abby, Sam and Ryan, and then a friend of mine from Children's Memorial Hospital, who is a child psychologist there, Colleen Cicchetti. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Will our guests please rise and be recognized? And welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Welcome to Springfield. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention, please? May I have your attention, please, for purposes of an announcement? The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. I'd ask all members of the Rules Committee to please report to the President's Anteroom. Ask the Members to please stand at ease for just a moment. Rules Committee will meet for a very short time. We'll be going -- following this business, we'll be going to Executive Session. Following Executive Session, we'll be going to Senate Bills 3rd Reading, final passage. So would all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor? We'll be doing 3rd

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Readings, final passage. Thank you.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2216 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Delgado, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 885 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to -- Senate Bill 2760 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 848, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2042, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2170, Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2293, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2402, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2482, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2487, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2685, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2688 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2858 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Cullerton, Co-Chairperson, and Senator Dillard, Co-Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary-Civil Law, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2111, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2722, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2725 and Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2827 recommend Do Adopt.

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Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2677, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2679 and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2824 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1900, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1925, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2506 and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Resolution 481 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Wilhelmi, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary-Civil Law -- pardon me, Criminal Law, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2118 and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2713 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Pensions and Investments, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2362 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Sullivan, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2407 and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2906 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2110, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2129 and Senate --Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2163 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Meeks, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1933, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2505 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2656 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on State

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Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 993, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1890, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2332, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2344 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2632 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 801, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2342, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2678, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2854 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Halvorson, Chairperson {sic} (Vice-Chairperson) of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 879, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2231, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2374 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2757 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Maloney, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2413 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2486 recommend Do Adopt.

And Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Resolution 612 Be Adopted and Senate Joint Resolution 91 Be Adopted.

Senator Halvorson, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 92, House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 28, and Executive Order 2008-1.

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Senator Debbie Halvorson, Chairman. April 10th, 2008.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hultgren, for what purpose do you seek recognition?  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

SENATOR HULTGREN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I really appreciate it and I appreciate the attention of the Body here for a minute. I have some really special guests here with me today, some Pages that are helping me out. Jacob Taylor is here with me. This is Jacob and his dad, Jim, right behind. And then we have Grace Wasilas also with us here as well. And Grace's dad, Bob {sic} (Dan), and his {sic} mom, Sue, I think had to step out a little bit ago. And then Jacob's mom, Sherry, and little brother, Josh, also had to step out. But they also have a special guest, and I think this is a very first, as far as I can tell, on the Senate Floor, that Jacob's companion dog is also with us, Sable. So, I'm going to see if Sable can get up on the desk and say hi to you guys real quick, too.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Will our -- all our guests please rise and be recognized?  
And welcome to the Illinois State Senate. And welcome, Sable.

SENATOR HULTGREN:

This is Sable here. Let me...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hultgren.

SENATOR HULTGREN:

Just tell you really quickly. I had heard about these families in the newspaper. I found out that the dogs are -- it's a new program called Dogs for Disabilities in Batavia. And

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Bob and his family are -- are heading this up and Sable was the very first dog that they were able to train and prepare to be a companion dog. Sable has been with Jacob since August of last year and is a big help for him. Jacob's in the Boy Scouts and is able to go to school and a lot of things, and Sable is a part of everything that he does. So, we're so thankful for the work that they do, such an important service, again, for people with disabilities to be able to have companion dogs, and we're so grateful for dogs like Sable and families like Bob and Sue and Grace and Olivia, who are willing to do the work to prepare these dogs. So, thank you so much. It's great to have you all down here today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Bob and Sue. And welcome to Springfield. Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator Wilhelmi, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you. Actually, I have two points. First off, I have a young man with me from Shorewood, Illinois, who is actually a -- a constituent of Senator Holmes. He is my Page for the Day today. I'd like you to please help me welcome David Tibble to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

David, welcome to Springfield. Welcome to Illinois State Senate. Make sure those Senators tip you, sir.

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SENATOR WILHELMI:

Absolutely. And -- and my second point of personal privilege is to welcome folks from the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, who are here from Reed-Custer High School out of Braidwood, Illinois, Senator Dahl's constituents and good friends of ours. Here for the State conference at the Capital Convention Center. Please help me welcome my dear friends from Reed-Custer High School.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Guests please rise and be recognized. Welcome to Illinois State Senate. Welcome to Springfield. Senator Burzynski, are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Along those same lines as Senator Wilhelmi, we have a group from the Indian Creek High School. They're here with us today for the competition as well, and their instructor, who happens to be a former student of Coach Luechtefeld. So, I'd like for the General Assembly to please welcome them today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Will our guests from Indian Creek please rise and be recognized? And welcome to Illinois State Senate. Senator Kotowski, how are you today, sir? Are you seeking recognition?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes, I am, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Mr. -- Mr. President, point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

State your point.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much. It gives me great pleasure today to introduce Loretta Ingebrigtsen. She's been my Page for the Day. She's the -- the daughter of my cousin, Bridget. She's ten years old. She goes to Vachel Lindsay School in Springfield. And she has been my good luck charm throughout the whole day, going to committees, making sure that people look at all the bills I introduce favorably. She's a wonderful young girl. Her dad is a State Police Officer and her mom works for the Business Journal in Springfield. So, we don't really have to welcome her to Springfield. We just need to welcome her to the State Senate. Ladies and Gentlemen, Loretta Ingebrigtsen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Loretta didn't have far to go today. Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Loretta, when you drive home today, don't speed. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, seeing no further introductions, no further personal -- point of personal business, to fulfill our responsibilities under Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution, Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now proceed to the Order of Advice and Consent. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the appointments set forth in the Messages from the Governor

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dated January 10th and February 14th, 2008, and the Messages from the Secretary of State dated September 20th, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, the gentleman moves -- Senator Hendon moves that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the appointments set forth in the Messages -- the Governor dated January 10th -- and February 14th, 2008, and there's a Message from the Secretary of State's Office dated September 20th, 2007. Madam Secretary, ...Report, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Hendon, Chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of January 10th, 2008, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate do advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

...President, with respect to the Governor's Message of January 10th, 2008, I will read the salaried appointment to which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent:

To be a Judge of the Court of Claims for a term commencing January 4th, 2008, and ending January 16th, 2012: Robert Steffen.

Mr. President, having read the salaried appointment from the Governor's Message of January 10th, 2008, I now seek leave from -- to consider the appointment on a roll call. Mr.

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President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read from the Governor's Message of January 10th. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of Senators elected by -- concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. ...Secretary, continuing on Committee Reports, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Hendon, Chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of February 14th, 2008, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate do advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Mr. President, with respect to the Governor's Message of February 14th, 2008, I will read the salaried appointment to which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent:

To be a Director of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulations {sic} (Regulation) for a term commencing February 4th, 2008, and ending January 19th, 2009:

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Robert Meza.

Mr. President, having read the salaried appointment from the Governor's Message of February 14th, 2008, I now seek leave to consider the appointment on a roll call. Mr. President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Hendon, for that brief discussion. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read from the Governor's Message of February 14th. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Hendon, Chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of January 10th, 2008, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate do advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Mr. President, with respect to the Governor's Message of January 10th, 2008, I will read the non-salaried appointments to which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that

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the Senate do advise and consent:

To be a member of the Carnival-Amusement Safety Board for a term commencing December 21st, 2007, and ending January 17th, 2011: William Sparks.

To be a member of the Community College Board for a term commencing January 9th, 2008, and ending June 30th, 2013: Thomas Pulver.

Mr. -- Mr. President, having read the non-salaried appointments from the Governor's Message of January 10th, 2008, I will now seek leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Mr. President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Hendon. Ladies and Gentlemen, is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read from the Governor's Message of January 10th. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Madam Secretary, continue on Committee Reports, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Hendon, Chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of February 14th, 2008, reported the same back with the

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recommendation that the Senate do advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. With respect to the Governor's Message of February 14th, 2008, I will read the non-salaried appointments of which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent:

To be a member of the Workforce Investment Board for a term commencing February 8th, 2008, and ending July 1st, 2009: Thomas Prinske.

To be members of the Workforce Investment Board for terms commencing February 8th, 2008, and ending July 1, 2010: Thomas Ashby, Rosalind Bruce, Earl Moldovan, John Rico and Beverly Williams.

Mr. President, having read the non-salaried appointments from the Governor's Message of February 14th, 2008, I now seek leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Mr. President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Hendon. Ladies and Gentlemen, is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointments just read from the Governor's Message of February 14th. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting

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Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Hendon, Chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Secretary of State's Messages -- Messages of September 20th, 2007, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate do advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Mr. President, with respect to the Secretary of State's Message of September 20th, 2007, I will read the salaried appointments to which the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent:

To be an Inspector General in the Office of Executive Inspector Generals for a term commencing September 20th, 2007, and ending December 31st, 2012: Nathan Maddox.

To be members of the Secretary of State's Merit Commission for terms commencing September 20th, 2007, and ending November 7th, 2013: Judith Myers and Duane Noland.

Mr. President, having read the salaried appointments from the Secretary of State's Message of September 20th, 2007, I now seek leave to consider the appointments on a roll call. Mr. President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Hendon. Ladies and Gentlemen, is there

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any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointments just read from the Secretary of State's Message of September 20th. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointments just read. Senator Hultgren, are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR HULTGREN:

I was. Thank you, Mr. President. Just a clarification, personal -- point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR HULTGREN:

I had misspoken, introduced somebody with the wrong name. I wanted to -- I -- I'd called him Bob, but his real name is Dan, up in the gallery up there, who is doing the work with Dogs with {sic} (for) Disabilities. So, it's Dan and Sue Wasilas who are doing this work. So, I just wanted to clear that up and again thank them. They're going to need to be heading back, but I really appreciate them taking time to be with us today to help out.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Again, we want to thank them for the fine work they're doing. Senator Hendon. Senator Hendon. The Chair recognizes Senator Hendon.

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SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Hendon moves the Senate arise from Executive Session. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The Senate has arisen from Executive Session. Okay. If I could have your attention, please, I'd ask -- we'll go to the printed Calendar. We're going to House Bills 3rd Reading. House Bills 3rd Reading. We'll turn to page 17 of your Calendar. Page 17 of your Calendar. We'll go down to the bottom of page 17, is House Bills 3rd Reading. Senator Harmon, on House Bill 824, sir. The gentleman requests it out of the record. Senator Martinez, on House Bill 1334. Senator Iris Martinez, on House Bill 1334, ma'am. Out of the record. On House Bill 3rd Reading comes House Bill 2482. Senator Hendon. And I believe Senator Hendon has a motion. Senator Hendon is seeking leave of the Body to return House Bill 2482 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of amendment. Is that correct, sir? Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 2482. Senator Hendon. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to table Amendment No. 1. Committee -- I move to table Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2482.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Hendon moves that --

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table -- he's making a motion to table Amendment -- Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2482. That motion is always in order. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it and the motion carries. Excuse me -- the Ayes have it and the Committee Amendment No. 1 is tabled. ...Secretary, 3rd Reading. Now House Bill 2482 is now on the Order of 3rd Reading. Senator Hendon, do you wish to call your bill, sir? He indicates he does. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

House Bill 2482.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Hendon, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the movie tax credit bill to keep bringing films to Illinois. We're doing quite well. We had to table, unfortunately, the amendment that would have added the talk shows, which could have done even better, but we're doing a boom business right now and this will keep the business going. Members of our industry are out in -- in L.A. right now trying to drum up more business for Illinois. So, if we send this straight to the Governor, I'm sure he'll sign it and we'll deal with the -- the talk shows at a later time. And I'd appreciate an Aye vote. I'll be happy to answer any questions if there are any.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much. Is there any discussion? Senator

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Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield for a question, sir.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Hendon, I did not catch in time your motion to table the amendment with regards to the talk shows. And I want to ask you, because I recall in Executive Committee there were statements, I think by you and some others, about how this would make it a much better bill, because unlike films, which come and then they go, the talk shows are permanent entities and so we benefit from the economic development and the jobs for more than just the period of the filming of the movie. You said, unfortunately, we had to take them out. Can you explain more to the Body why they had to be removed?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Senator Righter. And appreciate the question, so I can expound just a bit. There's a gentleman across the Rotunda. He's a very fine gentleman, but he sort of changed his mind about allowing the talk show amendment to be on here. I'm speaking about the Speaker of the House. And I don't want to send it back over to the House and have the Speaker kill it and kill the business that we're enjoying right now. There are two movies shooting in Chicago right now. There was one just shot in Aurora and others are scheduled to come. So, the Speaker has indicated that either him and -- they changed their mind. So,

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I'm taking it out because it will die on the other -- in the other Chamber.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Further discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

...the bill, sir.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. I rise simply in support of the bill. It is a little disappointing that this is the second time today that the Senate has chosen to bow to the will of the House. It happened once in Executive Committee and it's happened here today. But this is better than nothing. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Righter. Ladies and -- is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hendon, to close, sir.

SENATOR HENDON:

Well, I just wouldn't consider it bowing to the House, just facing the realities of the times. And I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 2482 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2482, having

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received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Frerichs, are you seeking recognition, sir? Do you want to seek recognition? Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention, please? On the printed Calendar -- on the printed Calendar, we will turn to page 22. We will go to Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. Senate Resolution 481. Senator Mattie Hunter. Senator Mattie Hunter moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No.... Madam Secretary, please read the lady's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 481, offered by Senator Hunter. The Committee on Public Health adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Any further amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Yes, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hunter, do you want to explain Floor Amendment No. 2, ma'am?

SENATOR HUNTER:

It's a technical amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Senator Hunter moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Resolution 481. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Senator -- Madam Secretary, has there been any further amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Hunter, do you wish to have your resolution considered? The lady indicates she does. Madam Secretary, please read the lady's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 481, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hunter, on the resolution, ma'am.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. As amendment {sic}, this resolution urges the Department of Public Health to implement the -- the -- the recommendations contained in the Illinois Asthma Partnership Strategic Plan and to continue to work in the best interests of the public health of asthma victims of Illinois, especially minority populations who are adversely affected by asthma. And it removes the reference to any entity that does not exist in Illinois. Ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hunter moves the adoption of resolution -- Senate Resolution 481. Ladies and Gentlemen, all those in favor will -- will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on Secretary's Desk, Resolution is Senate Resolution 484. Senator Hultgren, do you wish your resolution considered, sir? He indicates he does. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's resolution.

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SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 484, offered by Senator Hultgren.  
No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

...you, Madam Secretary. Senator Hultgren, to the resolution, sir.

SENATOR HULTGREN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 484 recognizes a wonderful group that I have in my district - it's the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans - recognizing that veterans have an extremely high amount of homeless members and they need help with housing and education and some medical services. And this group just does a wonderful job of that. This resolution encourages the Department of Veterans' Affairs to continue their work and assistance with homeless veterans and the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Would ask for the support of the Body on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hultgren moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 484. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Radogno, on Senate Resolution 546, ma'am. Do you wish to have your resolution considered? Madam Secretary, please read the lady's resolution, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 546, offered by Senator Radogno.  
No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Senator Radogno, to the resolution, please.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution simply declares that the week of June 8th, '08, be declared as MRSA Awareness Week in this State. And that's consistent with what the federal government is doing at the behest of Senator Durbin. So I would ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Radogno moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 546. Ladies and Gentlemen, all those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Continuing on Resolutions on page 22 of your Calendar is Senate Resolution 550. Senator Dillard, do you wish your resolution considered, sir? He indicates he does. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 550, offered by Senators Dillard and Hultgren.

No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members. This is an initiative of the Illinois Municipal League. And it resolves that we urge the Illinois Congressional Delegation to support an increase in funding for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program when it comes up in Washington for

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renewal. It's very important that our local governments, especially after September 11th, be able to have communication systems that operate among themselves. And I would urge its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Dillard moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 550. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Harmon, would you like Senate Resolution 554 considered, sir - your resolution considered? He indicates he does. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 554, offered by Senator Harmon.  
No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Harmon, to the resolution, sir.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Last Session, we established the Dog Owner {sic} (Owners) and Homeowner's Insurance Advisory Committee with the intent of working on issues related to the denial of insurance to -- to dog owners based on the breed of their dog. We had the best intentions of getting our work done over the summer, but we didn't have a summer. So, our deadline has passed. This would extend the deadline for our work to December 31st of 2008.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Harmon moves the

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adoption of Resolution 554. Okay. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Continuing on Resolutions is Senate Resolution 565. Senator Demuzio, do you wish your resolution considered, ma'am? She indicates she does. Madam Secretary, please read the lady's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 565, offered by Senator Demuzio.  
No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Demuzio, I had a wonderful dinner last night in Taylorville.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

And it was -- I enjoyed Christian County. It's a beautiful, beautiful place to visit.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Wasn't that a -- a beautiful place?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Yes, it is.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. I know who you were traveling with.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Demuzio, on the resolution.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Resolution 564 {sic} proclaims and recognizes April the 28th of 2008 through May 2nd of 2008 as Supportive Living Week in

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Illinois, and encourages senior citizens and individuals with disabilities to take advantage of the Supportive Living Program whenever possible. Currently in Illinois, there are an estimated hundred and forty-seven Supportive Living facilities with over eleven thousand apartments. Supportive Living is the largest Medicaid home and community-based living waiver program in the United States and serves approximately eleven thousand five hundred people yearly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Demuzio moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 565. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator James Clayborne, on Senate Joint Resolution 65. Do you wish your resolution considered, sir? Out of the record. Senator Emil Jones, on Senate Joint Resolution 76. Senator Emil Jones. This is your last and final offer. Out of the record. Senator John Jones, on Senate Joint Resolution 77. You wish your resolution considered? He indicates he does. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Joint Resolution 77, offered by Senator John Jones. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Jones, to the resolution, sir.

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Joint Resolution 77 designates the U.S. Route 50 - over the Fox River-Bridge, west

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of Olney, home of the White Squirrel, the Robert Ridgway Bridge and directs the Illinois Department of Transportation to erect the appropriate signs or plaques.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

...you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Jones moves the adoption of -- Senate Joint Resolution 77. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's the opinion of the Chair that this resolution requires expenditure of State funds; therefore, a roll call vote must be taken. Ladies and Gentlemen, the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. And the gentleman's resolution is adopted. Continuing on Senate -- Secretary's Desk, Resolutions, we'd ask to go to page 23 of your printed Calendar. On the top of page 23 is Senate Joint Resolution 78. Senator Demuzio, you wish your resolution considered? She indicates she does. Madam Secretary, please read the lady's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Joint Resolution 78, offered by Senator Demuzio.  
No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Demuzio, to the resolution.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Joint Resolution 78 designates Route 100 in Calhoun County as the Brian Gibbons Memorial Highway. The resolution requests, of course, that IDOT erect the suitable -- at a -- at the suitable locations appropriate plaques or signs giving the

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notice of the name of Brian Gibbons Memorial Highway. Brian Gibbons was the Chief Deputy Sheriff of Calhoun County, and on July 9th of '06, while on duty, his squad car was struck by a drunk driver. Deputy Gibbons passed away two days later. Deputy Gibbons was also a member of the United States Army. And I ask that a suitable copy, of course, will be given to his family and given to the Secretary of IDOT and the Calhoun County Board in his honor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Demuzio moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 78. It's the opinion of the Chair that resolution requires expenditure of State funds; therefore, a roll call vote must be taken. Ladies and Gentlemen, the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who... Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Joint Resolution 78 is adopted. Senate Joint Resolution 82. Senator Emil Jones. Senator Emil Jones. Last call for President Jones. Out of the record. Senate Joint Resolution 83. Senator Maloney. Senator Maloney, you wish your resolution considered, sir? The gentleman indicates he does. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Joint Resolution 83, offered by Senator Maloney. The Committee on Labor adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, has there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Maloney, to the resolution, sir.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution simply creates a task force that would be charged with two things: one is, to estimate the cost to higher education institutions of potential change in the law that would allow part-time faculty to collect unemployment insurance benefits between their instructional terms; and secondly, to examine the growth of employment of part-time faculty over the past ten years. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Maloney moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 83. Once again, it's the opinion of the Chair that this resolution requires expenditure of State funds; therefore, a roll call vote must be taken. Ladies and Gentlemen, the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Joint Resolution 83 is -- the resolution is adopted. Senator Raoul, on House Joint Resolution 21, sir. Do you wish your resolution considered? The gentleman indicates he does. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Joint Resolution 21, offered by Senator Raoul. The

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Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Has there been any other Floor amendments approved for consideration? Madam Secretary, for clarification, could we start over, please?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Pardon me, Mr. President. It's House Joint Resolution 21, offered by Senator Raoul.

The Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Raoul, to the resolution, sir.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Joint Resolution 21, as amended, reauthorizes the Long-Term Prisoners Study Committee to study and examine issues related to prisoners sentenced to life without parole and prisoners sentenced to terms in excess of thirty years. And requires the report by December 31st, 2008.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Raoul moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 21. Once again, it's the opinion of the Chair that this resolution requires expenditure of State funds,

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sir; therefore, a roll call vote must be taken. Ladies and Gentlemen, the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. And the resolution is adopted. Senator Harmon, on House Joint Resolution 49, sir. Out of the record. House Joint Resolution 82. Senator Hultgren, do you wish your resolution to be considered? He indicates yes. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

House Joint Resolution 82, offered by Senator Hultgren.  
No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hultgren, on the resolution, sir.

SENATOR HULTGREN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I am fortunate to have National Laboratory, Fermilab, in my district. It affects really all of Illinois, but especially up in the northern Illinois area. And there was some significant issues as far as funding goes with the Congressional budget this year. So, this resolution urges Congress to restore the FY'08 federal funding of the State's Fermi National Acceleratory -- Accelerator Laboratory to the level requested in the President's FY'08 budget request. And I'd ask for the support of the Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Hultgren. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hultgren moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 82. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and

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the resolution is adopted. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to go to -- I've been informed that Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been printed and distributed. It is on the Members' desks. I'd ask you -- go to Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Senate Resolution 612. Senate Resolution 612. Senator Schoenberg, do you wish to have your resolution considered, sir? He indicates he does. Madam Secretary -- Madam Secretary, could you read the gentleman's resolution, please?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 612, offered by Senator Schoenberg.  
No committee or Floor amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much, Madam Secretary. Senator Schoenberg, to the resolution, sir.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. It's indeed my honor and my privilege to offer to you today Senate Resolution 612 which would proclaim the week of April 6th through 12th of this year to be the Second Annual Pediatric Cancer Survivorship Week in the State of Illinois. I don't know if the Members are aware, but modern medicine has indeed made some remarkable advances in fighting pediatric cancer and, indeed, pediatric cancer survivors face very unusual challenges. I'm pleased to say that the rate for cures for pediatric cancer has risen dramatically over these past twenty years. But despite that fact, our challenges are great and we need to do more to ensure that pediatric cancer survivors have the long-term medical, financial, psychosocial and neurocognitive help that they need as a result of the

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chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery. We all recognize the financial pressures that health care faces {sic} upon our State and upon our society. But if there's any evidence on why we need to pay tribute to pediatric cancer survivors, you need not look any further than look behind the Republican side of the aisle into the gallery, to see the members of the Children's Oncology Services, the dedicated parents, staff, and children who are pediatric cancer survivors. They are indeed heroic. We derive a great deal of strength from all of them. We learn from their -- from their grace. We learn from their courage and the very least we can do is pay tribute this week to their remarkable story. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I urge you to support Senate Resolution 612.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Schoenberg -- is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Schoenberg moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 612. All -- the -- a roll call vote will be taken. Ladies and Gentlemen, the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Resolution 612 is adopted. Senator Schoenberg, for what purpose you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I want to express my appreciation to the Members of the Body and to formally introduce Penny Yoselle, the other parents and the -- and my best friends forever from the Children's Oncology Services from throughout Illinois and Wisconsin. You're true heroes. Welcome to the Illinois Senate, once again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Will our guests rise and be recognized? And welcome to the Illinois State Capitol. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Thank you for being here. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on the Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Senator Raoul, on Senate Joint Resolution 91, sir. Do you wish to proceed on your resolution, sir? He indicates he does. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's resolution.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Joint Resolution 91, offered by Senator Raoul.  
No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Raoul, to -- to -- to the resolution, sir.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Joint Resolution 91 changes the reporting date for the Joint Committee for the Constitutional Convention Proposal from April 4th, 2008, to May 15th, 2008. The original date set by House Joint Resolution 111 did not give the Committee adequate time to -- to prepare the report. The Committee has met and has agreed upon May 15th as the date for the report. That would give us adequate time to prepare the question and the report.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Raoul moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 91. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd ask you to go back to your printed Calendars. On page 10 -- on page 10 of the printed Calendar is Senate Bills 3rd Reading. On the top of the page is Senate Bill 2285. Senator John Cullerton, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill. I'm sorry? Out of the record. Senator Cullerton requests the bill be taken out of the record. Senate Bill 2293. Senator Maloney. On page 10 of your Calendar. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, I believe... I believe Senator Maloney is seeking leave of the Body to return this to the Order of 2nd Reading for purposes of amendment. Is that correct, Senator Maloney? Yes, it is. The -- now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2293. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Yes, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Maloney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Maloney, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2, sir.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Floor Amendment 2, Mr. President, simply adds the Chicago community colleges so that all community colleges would be in the same threshold on this.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Maloney moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2293. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, has there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Maloney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Maloney, on Floor Amendment No. 3, sir.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Currently, most food purchases for goods or services, school boards must advertise for bids for contracts involving more than ten thousand. This would change the threshold to twenty-five thousand.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any discussion on Floor Amendment No. 3? Seeing none, Senator Maloney moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2293. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, has there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank -- thank you. 3rd -- 3rd Reading. Senator John Cullerton, on Senate Bill 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2295, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed.

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Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2295.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Cullerton, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Last year, we passed a very significant bill that we will -- dealing with the area of drunk driving, where we -- we'll be replacing judicial driving permits that were used for restricted uses to persons convicted of DUI to instead require the use of ignition interlock devices ordered by the court and under the supervision of the Secretary of State. This bill is a initiative of the Secretary of State as kind of a cleanup for that bill. It sets the fees that are to be charged by the Secretary. It expands the list of offenses that disqualify a driver from driving with an ignition interlock and it makes a number of administrative and technical changes to facilitate the administration of the program, which is called the Monitoring Device Driving Permit Program. Be happy to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2295 pass. All those in favor will say -- vote -- vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?

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Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2295, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator James Clayborne, on 2296, sir. Do you wish to proceed? 2296. The gentleman indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2296.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2296 extends the thirteen-million-dollar per fiscal year continuing appropriation from GRF to the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund for fiscal years 2009 through 2011.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2296 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2296, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Raoul, on Senate Bill 2303, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam

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Secretary, read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2303.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Raoul, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Senate Bill -- 2303, as amended, provides that to the extent permitted by federal law and the Public Aid Code, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services must not cancel an individual's eligibility for Medicaid solely because the person has become an inmate of a public institution, including -- including, but not limited to, a county jail, juvenile detention center, a State correctional facility. It asserts that the individual is allowed to remain enrolled in the Medicaid program as long as all other eligibility criteria are satisfied; that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is not responsible for reimbursement of services that the individual received during detention or incarceration; and finally, that following the release of the individual, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is responsible for providing Medicaid to the person provided that the individual is enrolled in the Medicaid program at the time of release, that neither a county, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or Department of Corrections continues to have jurisdiction over the person's medical care, or that the county, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Corrections makes provisions for timely notice of date of released of the person in a fashion

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created by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. I urge your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Senator Pankau, you seeking recognition on this bill, ma'am?

SENATOR PANKAU:

I do, Mr. President. To the bill: I urge your Aye vote on this bill. This came out of the Public Health Committee unanimously. I don't know if you've had the situation in your district, but I have had it in mine, where a prisoner is released and they have to wait two or three months to be able to qualify for Medicaid to get the medications that they really need at the very first day they leave. A percentage of our population in the prisons have mental health problems. And so to be without their medications for one, two, three months, whatever it takes for them to get back on the Medicaid rolls, is a difficulty. This bill will allow them to keep their eligibility during the time that they are in prison, but no services will be delivered during that time that will be collected under their -- under the Medicaid bill. This was a question that we asked over and over in -- in committee and were assured by the Department and everybody involved that there will be no services provided, no expense to the taxpayers. But it will allow them to have whatever medications they need and whatever services they'd need immediately upon getting out of prison. I urge your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Raoul, to close, sir.

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SENATOR RAOUL:

I think my colleague has provided my closing for me. And I just urge support for the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2303 -- 2303 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2303, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2305. Senator John Cullerton. Do you wish to proceed, sir? How you doing today? Out of the record. Senator Susan Garrett, on Senate Bill 2311, ma'am. Do you wish to proceed? How are you today, Senator Garrett? Good. The lady indicates she wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the lady's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2311.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Garrett, to the bill, please.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, thank you so much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2311 creates the Transportation {sic} (Transparency) Enhancements and Safe Routes to School Transportation Act. Basically what this is, is a program that provides for federal funds to help schools provide safe routes, including bicycle paths. What we're doing

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is setting up a board for four years and the board will, in a very transparent way, disseminate the funds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2311 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. There's 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2311, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator John Cullerton, on Senate Bill 2322, sir. Do you wish to proceed on this one? You finally ready? Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2322.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Cullerton, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of the University of Illinois. And this bill amends the Liquor Control Act. Over the years, we have had to come to the General Assembly and pass exemptions in order for liquor to be sold at various locations. This is a different approach. This bill would require the Board to issue a -- a written policy within six months of the effective date of the Act concerning the types of events that would be eligible for an

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exemption. And it would allow alcoholic liquors to be served or sold in public buildings under the control of the Board of Trustees for events that the Board may determine are public events and not related -- student-related activities. So I think it's a -- a smart approach to allow them to make these decisions rather than have to have legislation come back here and be subject to the -- the whims of the Legislature and our schedule. This way it -- it seems to me, it makes -- it makes a lot of sense. So I'll be happy to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Simply rise in support of the message and report to the Members on our side of the aisle that it did come out of the Executive Committee unanimously. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Cullerton, to close, sir.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

How you doin'?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

How you doin'?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

I'd ask for an Aye vote, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2322 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those

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opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 1 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2322, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 2326. Do you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2326.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of CMS and it changes two dates - that the administrators are to notify all State agencies regarding all declared surplus real property from December 31st to October 31st, and it changes the date that all responsible officers shall submit an Annual Real Property Utilization Report to the administrators to July 31st, rather than the current October 30th, of each year. This allows for the necessary time frame for flow of information in relation to the date change in the original bill. So, I would ask for an Aye vote. It's a very important bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall

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Senate Bill 2326 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2326, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Brady, on 2329, sir. Do you wish to proceed? Senator Brady. Out of the record. Senator Schoenberg, on 2332, sir. I believe Senator Schoenberg's going to request leave of the Body to return this back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of amendment. Is that correct, sir? ...no objection, leave is granted. Gentlemen and Ladies of this Chamber, please refrain from the whistling and the calls. This is not the House; this is the Senate. We're supposed to be a little step above. We have code of conduct, code of ethic, dress code here, so could we try and just bring it up a little notch. It is Thursday. And if we want to continue this and we don't get through these 3rd Readings, we could stay here tonight and tomorrow. So, we want to play that game, we can play it. Okay, now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2332 for the purposes of amendment. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Schoenberg, to explain your amendment, sir.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, but first I want to -- I want to extend my

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appreciation to the Chair for clarifying the decorum here in the Senate, and now I'll feel free to proceed. If people want to whistle, I wish they'd whistle in a different manner and outside the Chamber. Floor Amendment No. 1 essentially just removes the requirement for the joint resolution between the Chambers and makes a couple of date changes to establish a more feasible timeline for the revenue -- proposed Revenue Estimating Council.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Senator Schoenberg moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2332. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Wilhelmi, on Senate Bill 2340, sir. Do you wish your bill considered? He indicates he does. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2340.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

...Wilhelmi, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Bill 2340 creates standards for the preservation of evidence for offenses involving heroin, cocaine, PCP, LSD and

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fentanyl. It provides for minimum quantities of each listed controlled substance that must be preserved. The remainder of that substance can be destroyed. We already have that in place for marijuana and we are bringing these other controlled substances into consistency with the marijuana. The bottom line is, we don't need to keep all the -- the cocaine or PCP. We just need a representative sample. I know of no opposition and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Yes, Senator. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicates he'll...

SENATOR JACOBS:

Does this cover ketamine at all?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

I didn't hear the question, but I -- I assume the answer is no. I -- I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2340 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2340, having

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received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Wilhelmi, on Senate Bill 2344. Do you wish to proceed? But I believe Senator Wilhelmi is seeking leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2344 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of amendment. Is that correct, sir? Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2344. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

...you. Senator, to explain -- Senator Wilhelmi, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2 is a technical amendment and I'd be happy to explain the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The amendment -- Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2344 is adopted. Madam Secretary, has there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator James Clayborne, on 2348, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the gentleman's bill.

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SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2348.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator James Clayborne, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The intent of Senate Bill 2348 is to codify federal regulation that ensures that dental services will receive the maximum Medicaid federal match dollars. The federal regulation defines dental services as diagnostic, preventive, or corrective procedures furnished by or under the supervision of a dentist in the practice of his or her profession. I would ask for your favorable support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2348 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2348, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Wilhelmi, on 2349, sir. Out of the record. Senator Raoul, on 2354, sir. You wish to proceed? Out of the record. Senator Dan Cronin, on 2362, sir. And I believe Senator Cronin is seeking leave of the Body -- seeking leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2362 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Is that correct, sir? Hearing

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no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2362. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Yes, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cronin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Cronin, on Floor Amendment No. 2, sir.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This amendment becomes the bill. It amends the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Pension Code to allow downstate firefighters to purchase up to twenty-four months of military time prior to their employment by a municipality or a fire protection district as a firefighter. They can purchase this twenty-four months as pension credit. It stipulates that firefighters wishing to purchase this time must apply in writing to the fund within three months after the effective date of the bill. So it's a very narrow opportunity. The cost, if any -- and there shouldn't be one dime of a cost to the municipalities or the local governments. This requires the member contribution to fund this benefit. And that -- that contribution shall be equal to the employer contribution that would have been required had the service been rendered, plus an amount determined by the fund to equal the employer's normal cost of the benefits accrued for that military service, plus six-percent interest per year. So, I know we're all sensitive to the issue of pensions and imposing any further obligations on local governments. This is a bill that does not do that, and yet it recognizes people that

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have served their country and give them an opportunity to buy out of -- you know, out of their own pocket, pension benefits or credits toward their pension. I know of no -- well, the -- there is a -- the -- the Municipal League registered opposition, but we enjoyed unanimous support in committee and I ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Cronin moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2362. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, has there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

...you. 3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd ask you to turn -- continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading, on the top of page 11 comes Senate Bill 2366. Senator Righter, do you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2366.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Righter, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the

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Chamber. Senate Bill 2366 would amend the State's theft by lessee statute. Right now, our current statute actually puts in place a prima facie evidence provision that has found, by some courts, to be unconstitutional. This idea was actually brought to me by a constituent who owns a store that -- that leases different items to individuals. During the research on the issue, we found out about the constitutionality issue. It replaces the prima facie evidence provision with, in fact, a permissive inference provision that the jury may take. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2366 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting No, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2366, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Susan Garrett, on 2369, ma'am. Senator Susan Garrett. Senator Garrett, on 2369. Senator Garrett, do you wish to proceed on Senate Bill... Out of the record. Senator Forby, on 2375, sir. Out of the record. Senator Holmes, on Senate Bill 2394. Do you wish to proceed, ma'am? She indicates she wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the lady's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2394.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Holmes, to the bill.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2394 amends the Illinois Public Aid Code to provide that in any calendar year in which there is a cost-of-living increase in federal Supplemental Security Income benefits or Social Security Administration payments, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall increase the per diem Medicaid rate by an amount equal to the increase for total SSI benefits or Social Security Administration payments for intermediate care facilities. Every year, the Social Security Administration applies a COLA to SSA/SSI payments to prevent inflation from eroding the benefits. Currently, the State uses these annual COLAs to reduce the State's GRF obligation to the per diem Medicaid rate to community agencies and ICFDDs. Basically, the intent of this bill is for the federal increases, which are intended to be a COLA to prevent inflation, to actually be passed along directly to the providers. I would ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2394 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2394, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator John Cullerton, on 2396. Senator John

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Cullerton, on Senate Bill 2396. Senator John Cullerton. Okay. Madam Secretary, out of the record. Senator -- Senator Kotowski, are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Just a -- Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I just want to take a -- a quick moment to introduce the mother of Loretta Ingebrigtsen, my cousin, Bridget. She's a resident of Springfield, works for the Business Journal. She's a -- a great person and a great part of the family and I'm just happy that she's here. Please give her a great welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. I -- you two are sisters? Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senator Wilhelmi, are you seeking recognition also, sir? Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Again, very quickly, I'd also like to acknowledge the father of my Page today and that is Steve Tibble, who is up in Senate gallery. Let's welcome him to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Steve, would you please rise and be recognized? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Okay, let's go to Senate Bill 2397 on page 11 of your Calendar. Senator John Cullerton. Senator John Cullerton. Out of the record. Senator Link. Senator Terry Link, on 2399, sir. Leader Link. Okay, I believe Senator

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Link is seeking leave of the Body to return Senate Bill... The sponsor indicates the bill out of the record. Senator Link, on 2400, sir. Senator Link, on 2400. Out of the record. Senator Demuzio, on 2407. And I believe Senator Demuzio is seeking leave of this Body to return Senate Bill 2407 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. That's correct. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading comes Senate Bill 2407. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Yes, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Demuzio, to Floor Amendment No. 1, ma'am.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2407 establishes a pilot program under the Department of Natural Resources aimed at reducing the amount of Asian carp and increasing the number of native fish in the Illinois River. The amendment outlines the parameters of the program, which is repealed on January 1st, 2010, and requires the Department to issue a report to the General Assembly on the results of their program by December the 31st of 2009. It makes the program subject to appropriation. However, we have estimated and DNR has estimated that the fiscal impact will be around three million dollars for the hiring of a new staff and other expenses related to this pilot program. We're all aware that this is certainly an issue in the Illinois,

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Missouri and the Mississippi River and we are -- I'm asking for a favorable roll as we try to come up with some type of plan to address the Asian carp.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Is there any discussion to the lady's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Demuzio moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2407. All those in favor -- correction. Correction for the record. It's Floor Amendment No. 1 we just debated, not Floor Amendment No. 2. Correction. Floor amendment -- Senator Demuzio moves the adoption to Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2407. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Madam Secretary, has there been any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Demuzio, on Senate Bill 2412. Do you wish to proceed? Out of the record. Senator Demuzio, on 2413. And once again, I -- the Senator is requesting -- she's seeking leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2413 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2413. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Yes, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Thank you. Senator Demuzio, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you. Floor Amendment No. 1 to 2413 is a -- is a Floor amendment that is a technical change. It makes the -- changes the word -- or, by adding "Public Community College Act" after the word "The" in Section 5.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

...any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the lady seeks the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2413. All those in favor, say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. And the Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. Madam Secretary, has there been any other further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Koehler, on 2434, sir. Do you wish to proceed with that? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2434.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Koehler, on 2434, sir.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. What 2434 does is it requires that -- that mobile home park owners and

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fire districts in which they reside have to have a discussion and have to have a plan. And this has to be an agreement that is then posted by the mobile park owners in a very conspicuous place for the public to see. This issue came up in a number of issues that were raised by residents of a mobile park in my area. And what we found out was that the -- the fire district didn't know what kind of water supply there was if they ever had to come and fight a fire, because the water hydrants at a mobile park, because it's all privately owned, are not in the public domain. So, this would require that the mobile park owners and the fire districts have that conversation and post in -- in view that the -- on an annual basis at the time of renewal of their license that this, in fact, has happened. So, I'd appreciate an Aye vote on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2434 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2434, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Holmes, on Senate Bill 2444. Do you wish to proceed, ma'am? She indicates she wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the lady's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2444.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Holmes, to the bill, ma'am.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Basically what this bill does is it expands the prescription drug coverage under Illinois Cares Rx for individuals with MS. Currently, the covered drugs are the disease-modifying drugs, such as Copaxone, Rebif, Avonex. These are the drugs that help actually treat the disease. Unfortunately, the drugs that are excluded from this are the drugs that treat the symptoms and it's very often these drugs, the antibiotics, the antispasmodics and the drugs to treat depression, that are not included, and these are the drugs that -- which can give individuals with MS the quality of life to the point where they can get up, they can go to work and they can function on a day-to-day basis. I would ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2444 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2444, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Cullerton, on 2452, sir. Senator John Cullerton. Madam Secretary, out of the record. Senator Jacobs, on 2461, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes

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to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Bill 2461.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Jacobs, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill, as amended by FA 1, is -- permits private employers, such as day or temporary service agencies, to become applicant agents so they can sign up kids for ALL KIDS program. Right now, only certain people are allowed to. This will give a little broader group, people who most need it. And there's no pay for these people, as in contrast to some of the other people that are allowed fifty dollars for each applicant signed. I appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Pankau, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR PANKAU:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill: I urge your Aye and your support for this bill. The sponsor has done very good work in bringing all the parties together, taking out the parts. We -- he actually listened to the comments of the committee members and adjusted the bill accordingly. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is,

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shall Senate Bill 2461 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2461, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator John Cullerton, on 2479. Out of the record. Senator Lightford, on 2482, ma'am. Do you wish to proceed? She indicates she wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary... Just a minute -- Madam Secretary, I believe the sponsor is seeking leave of this Body to return Senate Bill 2482 for the -- to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2482. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Lightford, to Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 1 changes reporting requirements for the census on students receiving special education services. It gives flexibility for disseminating information on missing children. It clarifies the required coursework concerning teacher certification renewal, and it deletes the option to fulfill behind-the-wheel instruction in a car as determined by ISBE. I'd be happy to answer questions on 3rd Reading.

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Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Lightford moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2482. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, has there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. 3rd Reading. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, has there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. And the resolutions are adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions, please. Madam Secretary, before we go to Resolutions, Madam Secretary, Messages, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following

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joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 125.

Offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 125)

Adopted by the House, April 10th, 2008. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, pursuant... Okay, Senator Halvorson moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and the adoption of House Joint Resolution 125. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say No. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Halvorson now moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 125. All those in favor, say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the House Joint Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to the House Joint Resolution, Ladies and Gentlemen, the Senate will stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 15th, the year 2008, at the -- 12 o'clock noon. The Senate stands adjourned. And I thank you for all the work we got done this week.